I hereby certificate this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with suit ont postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Reference 370-Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below

Docket No.: 11885-00002-US

(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: Markus A. Schafheutle et al.

Dated: April 14, 2004 Signature:

Application No.: 10/684204 Confirmation No.:

Filed: October 10, 2003 Art Unit: 1714

For: AQUEOUS COATING COMPOSITIONS Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

A copy of each reference on the PTO/SB/08 is attached.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this

Application No.: 10/684204 Docket No.: 11885-00002-US

application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 11885-00002-US. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Dated: April 14, 2004

RMB/alh/328194

Respectfully submitted,

Richard M. Beck

Registration No.: 22,580

CONNOLLY BOVE LODGE & HUTZ LLP

1007 North Orange Street

P.O. Box 2207

Wilmington, Delaware 19899

(302) 658-9141

(302) 658-5614 (Fax)

Attorney for Applicant

Attorney Docket No.: 11885-00002-US

Certificate of Mailing Under 37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on _____ April 14, 2004 _____ Date

Signature

Amy L. Hamm

Typed or printed name of person signing Certificate

Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of mailing, or this certificate must identify each submitted paper.

IDS (Citation) by Applicant PTO/SB/08 9 References Postcard PTO/SB/08a/b (06-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2003. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO				Complete If Known		
				Application Number	10/684204-Conf. #2883	
11	IFORMATION	1 DI	SCLOSURE	Filing Date	October 10, 2003	
l s	TATEMENT E	3Y A	APPLICANT	First Named Inventor	Markus A. Schafheutle	
				Art Unit	1714	
	(Use as many she ets as necess ary)			Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned	
Sheet	1	of	1	Attorney Docket Number	11885-00002-US	

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Document Number	Publication Date	I Wante of Laterities of	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY			
	AA	US-5,672,653	09-30-1997	Elf Atochem North America, Inc.		
	AB	US-6,211,286	04-03-2001	Solutia Austria GmbH		
	AC	US-6,469,036	10-22-2002	Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Inc.		
	AD	US-2002/0010259	01-24-2002	Schafheutle et al		

·	FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear			
		Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				T ⁶		
	ВА	AT 410 096 B	01-27-2003	Solutia Austria GmbH		See AC		
	ВВ	DE 201 16 363	01-02-2003	J. S. Staedtler GmbH & Co. KG				
	ВС	EP 0 807 647	11-19-1997	Elf Atochem North America, Inc.		See AA		
	BD	EP 1 020 482	11-19-1997	Vianova Resins AG		See AB		
	BE	EP 1 172 389	01-16-2002	Solutia Austria GmbH		See AD		

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁴ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T²		

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Examiner		Date	
Signature		Considered	

^{&#}x27;Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.